

17th October 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

Today, we bring the penultimate week of the autumn 1 half-term to a close. It's been another fantastic week with lots to celebrate! As such I encourage you to visit our highlights tab to see some of the teaching and learning for yourself! <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/highlights>

Golden Expectation: **Be kind helpful and gentle**

Word of the Week: **Support**

Debate of the Week: **Pupils should choose what they want to eat for lunch**

As a reminder, another home learning topic of conversation to be had is, **writing targets**. All children have now been given their writing targets for the autumn term, please ask your child(ren) what their targets are. If your child(ren) is unable to recall them, please have a conversation with your child(ren)'s class teacher to clarify what their targets are. You may want to encourage your child(ren) to enter the **BBC's 500 Words competition**. Their website has lots of resources and inspiration to help children write a short story. They will need to submit their story online so they will need an adult at home to help them. The deadline is Friday 7th November. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

We'd like to take this opportunity to inform you that our **Parent Consultations** booking platform is now open. Our parent consultations are scheduled for **Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th November** (3:30pm – 6pm). We encourage you to access the link below and secure your preferred appointment time at your earliest convenience. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/appointments/event?id=16>

For our **Y6 families**, we would like to remind you (on behalf of the local authority) that the deadline for **Secondary Transfer Applications** is 31 October 2025. Please ensure that all you make an application. Parents must complete an online application via this hyper-link <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/> Further details about the process can be found in the link below.
<https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/secondary-before-you-apply?guidebook=189>

Whilst focusing on our Y6's, we'd like to encourage both our **Y5 & 6** parents to secure their child's **residential** space and afford time for payments to be made without causing a financial strain by paying in small instalments over the year rather than paying a large lump sum.
<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/1058#sitelive-viewer/>

Looking back on the week, on Monday we hosted a visit from two schools (Harrington Hill and Portway) who came to observe and speak with us about our **OPAL play** provision. Although 'play' is not one of our School Development Priorities this year, **Julika Niehaus** one of our Local School Committee (LSC) governors will champion play from a governor's perspective to make sure that play remains a key focus for us as leadership team.

Tuesday was a standard teaching and learning day, which afforded time to conduct our **teaching staff appraisals**. This is where we meet with teachers and agree a range of targets to support their professional development and ensure that our pupils are challenged appropriately academically. The four categories for target setting are: 1.) Pupil progress; 2.) Leadership; 3.) Professional Development and 4.) Mental Health & Well-Being.

On Wednesday, Ms Lester our literacy lead, took this year's **Hackney Reading Champions (Harley-J, Max, Amelia, Deborah)** to the Hackney Town Hall for the Reading Champions Launch. We look forward to seeing how they champion reading here at Daubeney over the remainder of the academic and they will certainly feature in our video updates -watch this space!

We also hosted the first of our three annual **Local School Committee (LSC)** governor meetings for the year on Wednesday. If you would like to know more about our governors, what they do or even read the minutes of meetings, access the link below <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/about-us/governors>

Thursday was our **whole school RE Day** with year groups focusing on the following topics:

Nursery	Big Question = What is special to me? What happens at Sukkot? What happens on Guru Nanak's birthday?
Reception	Big Question = What is special to me and others? The Good Samaritan (Stories) What happens on Buddha? (Celebrating)
Year 1	Big Question = What does it mean to belong? What does it mean to belong to Christianity?
Year 2	Big Question = What can we learn from special stories? Why did Jesus tell stories?
Year 3	Big Question = How are symbols and saying important in religion and worldviews? How did Jesus and Buddha make people stop and think?
Year 4	Big Question = What is important to people in my local community? How and why do Hindu's worship in the home and in the Mandir?
Year 5	Big Question = What impact do beliefs have on actions? What inner forces affect how we think and behave?
Year 6	Big Question = How important are the similarities and differences between and within religions and non-religious worldviews? How do people express their faith through the arts in Christianity?

Friday brought the week to a close in the usual manner of our celebratory **Golden Achievers' assembly** and celebrating some of our wonderful students alongside their family.

As I conclude this week's letter, please read this alongside Mr Warren's update letter about all things Daubeney and Blossom! <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/1063#sitelive-viewer/>

Yours sincerely,



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